

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A method of identifying an~~ An edge switch of a packet – based communication network, the edge switch having a port to which a specified user is connected ~~comprises~~ (a) sending a is identified. A unicast request packet is sent from a policy server to the specified user, the unicast request packet including destination address data and a selected identification code; ~~(b) detecting the.~~ The selected identification code is detected at ~~said the~~ the port; ~~(c) diverting the.~~ The packet is diverted to a management agent for the switch; and ~~(d) returning to the server~~ an identification of the switch and the user is returned to the server.